

PALEONTOLOGY

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Dr. Hans-Peter Schultze will take over as editor of the paleontology column beginning with the June 2006 issue of *Biophilately*. Dr. Schultze is a retired professor of paleontology now living in Lawrence, Kansas.

PART I: INFORMATION COMPLETE

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA May 23, 2005

2808a	\$2	Proboscidean, <i>Mammoth imperator</i> , Pliocene
2808b	\$2	Brontothere, <i>Brontops</i> , Oligocene
2808c	\$2	Horse, <i>Hyracotherium</i> , Eocene
2808d	\$2	Horse, <i>Propaleotherium</i> , Oligocene

Sheet of four.

2809a	\$2.50	Dinosaur, <i>Ceratosaurus</i> , Jurassic
2809b	\$2.50	Dinosaur, <i>Coelurus</i> , Jurassic
2809c	\$2.50	Dinosaur, <i>Ornitholestes</i> , Jurassic
2809d	\$2.50	Dinosaur, <i>Baryonx</i> , Cretaceous

Sheet of four.

2810a	\$3	Dinosaur, <i>Plateosaurus</i> , Triassic
2810b	\$3	Dinosaur, <i>Yangchuanosaurus</i> , Jurassic
2810c	\$3	Dinosaur, <i>Coelophysis</i> , Triassic
2810d	\$3	Therapsid, <i>Lystrosaurus</i> , Triassic

Souvenir sheets.

2811 S/S	\$4	Dinosaur, <i>Triceratops</i> , Cretaceous
2812 S/S	\$5	Dinosaur, <i>Stegosaurus</i> , Cretaceous
2813 S/S	\$6	Rhinoceros, <i>Coelodonta</i> , Miocene/Pliocene

POLAND December 2, 2004

3762c	1.25z	Mesozoic landscape with dinosaurs and flying reptiles. One of a block of four stamps portraying the History of the Earth: a. Birth (narodziny), B. Infancy (dziecinstwo), Youth (mlodosc), d. Maturity (dojrzalosc).
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ST. KITTS February 7, 2005

612a	\$3	Mammal-like reptile, <i>Dimetrodon</i> , Permian
612b	\$3	Dinosaur, <i>Homalocephale</i> , Cretaceous
612c	\$3	Dinosaur, <i>Stegosaurus</i> , Cretaceous

Sheet of three stamps.

613a	\$3	Saber-toothed tiger
613b	\$3	Dinosaur, <i>Edmontosaurus</i> , Cretaceous
613c	\$3	Dinosaur, <i>Tyrannosaurus rex</i> , Cretaceous

Sheet of three stamps.

ST. KITTS February 7, 2005 (Con't)

- 615 S/S \$5 Woolly mammoth
 616 S/S \$5 Ungulate, *Andrewsarchus*, Eocene

Catalogue No. 614 was assigned to another stamp.

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES June 7, 2005

- 3455a \$3 Woolly mammoth with country name in Red.
 3455b \$3 Woolly mammoth with country name in Black.
 3455c \$3 Woolly mammoth with country name in White.
 Sheet of three issued for Expo 2005, Japan.

ST. VINCENT GRENADINES (BEQUIA) 2005

- 370a \$2 Dinosaur, *Tenontosaurus*, Cretaceous
 370b \$2 Dinosaur, *Gorgosaurus*, Cretaceous
 370c \$2 Dinosaur, *Psittacosaurus*, Cretaceous
 370d \$2 Dinosaur, *Parasaurolophus*, Cretaceous

Sheet of four.

- 371a \$2 Dinosaur, *Brachiosaurus*, Jurassic
 371b \$2 Dinosaur, *Seismosaurus*, Jurassic
 371c \$2 Dinosaur, *Struthiomimus*, Cretaceous
 371d \$2 Dinosaur, *Oviraptor*, Cretaceous

Sheet of four.

- 372a \$2 Dinosaur, *Argentinosaurus*, Cretaceous
 372b \$2 Dinosaur, *Triceratops*, Cretaceous
 372c \$2 Dinosaur, *Ankylosaurus*, Cretaceous
 372d \$2 Dinosaur, *Stegosaurus*, Cretaceous

Souvenir sheets.

- 373 S/S \$5 Flying reptile, *Quetzalcoatlus*, Cretaceous
 374 S/S \$5 Mammoth
 375 S/S \$5 Flying reptile, *Pteranodon*, Cretaceous

PART II: INFORMATION INCOMPLETE**GREAT BRITAIN** March 21, 2006

- * Saber-tooth cat
 -- 42p Giant deer
 -- 47p Woolly rhinoceros
 -- 68p Woolly mammoth
 -- £1.12 Cave bear

* Nondenominated 30-penny first-class stamp. Ice Age Mammals.

ISLE OF MAN February 15, 2005

- 79p Ammonite fossil found at Scarlett.

One of six stamps issued for the Manx Natural History and Antiquarian Society.

PART III: FAKE FOSSIL STAMPS

Fake or counterfeit postage stamps "issued" in the names of legal countries as well as for nonexistent countries often are advertised for sale in the philatelic press and elsewhere. Practitioners of this flourishing trade have not overlooked fossil stamps.

Gerald Lovell wrote an article about Illegal Stamps for the December 2001 issue of Biophilately (Volume 50, No.4). He discussed numerous illegal issues from 42 regions in the Russian area, and bogus issues printed in the names of legal countries.

The philatelic press, including Biophilately, Linn's Weekly and Scott's Stamp Monthly, occasionally notes bogus issues that have been repudiated by various postal authorities since Lovell's article was published.

A third group of stamps that may be fake are those not listed by Scott catalogues four or more years after their putative issue date. These may be bogus but are not necessarily. For example, Central African stamps issued in 2001 were recognized by Scott in 2005. Listed below are fake fossil stamps falling in one of these three groups. Others no doubt exist.

AJMAN - prehistoric reptile (vertical). No issue date given. Lovell 2001 article.

ANGOLA - sheetlet of six dinosaur stamps with 350,000 Nkz values. No issue date given. Lovell 2001 article.

BENIN - items inscribed "Republic du Benin" that were not authorized by Benin postal authorities but which have appeared on the philatelic market in recent months include sheets of nine stamps with various denominations depicting dinosaurs (with Scout emblem and without emblems), sheets of six stamps with 100 fr denominations depicting dinosaurs (two different), dinosaurs with Rotary emblem (two different) and prehistoric elephants, sheets of six stamps with various denominations depicting dinosaurs, sheets of two stamps with 500 fr denominations depicting dinosaurs, souvenir sheets of one stamp with 1000 fr denominations depicting dinosaurs (with Scout emblem and without emblem), among many other unauthorized issues on other topics. Reported in Scott Stamp Monthly for June 2004.

CONGO - dinosaurs and fossils, sheet of five. These stamps were identified as unauthorized by Marlen Stamp & Coins but they were offered for sale in Linn's Stamp News of January 16, 2006 to those who collect such curiosities.

CONGO PEOPLES REPUBLIC - six stamps (90, 205, 205, 300, 400, 600 fr) plus a 1000 fr souvenir sheet depicting dinosaurs "issued" November 10, 1999. Not listed in Scott's 2006 catalogue.

COTE d' IVORE (REP) - postal administration stated that among numerous illegal issues is "One vertical miniature sheet depicting various species of dinosaurs in action and containing a series of three stamps each depicting the head of a different dinosaur. From top to bottom, the values shown are 150 f, 200 f and 250 f. Each stamp is also inscribed with the year 2003." From a notice reproduced in *Biophilately*, March 2004.

ERITREA - postal authorities have declared illegal the following items, among others: Sheetlets of four 3 n stamps depicting dinosaurs with Scouting emblems, and dinosaurs with Rotary emblems; sheetlets of three 5 n stamps depicting dinosaurs with Rotary emblem (two different); souvenir sheet with one 8 n stamp depicting dinosaurs with Rotary emblem. Reported in *Scott Stamp Monthly*.

FUJEIRA - prehistoric reptiles (horizontal). No issue date given. Lovell 2001 article.

GRENADA CARRIACOU & PETITE MARTINIQUE - nominal issue date October 15, 2001: Sheet of six stamps depicting prehistoric animals (values \$20, \$30, \$35, \$60, \$100, \$300) and a similar sheet of six \$100 stamps. Nominal issue date November 15, 2001: Three sheets of \$100 stamps and four \$400 souvenir sheets depicting prehistoric animals. Not listed in Scott's 2006 catalogue.

GUINEA - nominal issue date 2000. Mini-sheet of three stamps (200 fr, 300 fr and 3000 fr) and three souvenir sheets (200 fr, 300 fr and 5000 fr) depicting dinosaurs. Both the mini-sheet and the souvenir sheets feature Boy Scout, Lions Club and Rotary emblems. Not listed in Scott's 2006 catalogue.

HAITI - prehistoric animals and Jules Verne sheet (four + label). These stamps were identified as unauthorized by Marlen Stamp & Coins, Ltd in Linn's January 16, 2006 issue but they were offered for sale to those who collect such curiosities.

KYRGYZSTAN - postal officials have declared illegal a sheet of six with various denominations depicting dinosaurs, among others.

LAOS - set of three dinosaur stamps (50 k, 380 k, 420 k) "issued" December 8, 1998. Not listed in Scott's 2006 catalog.

LIBERIA - set of four dinosaur stamps (\$15, \$20, \$25, %50) plus four panes of 12 se-tenant \$10 stamps and four \$100 souvenir sheets featuring prehistoric reptiles "issued" November 22, 1999. On October 1, 2000 a se-tenant pane of six \$25 stamps depicting prehistoric reptiles from Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Lost World*, a se-tenant pane of six \$25 stamps depicting dinosaurs from Jules Verne's *Journey to the Center of the Earth* and two \$100 souvenir sheets. Not listed in Scott's 2006 catalogue.

MALAGASY REPUBLIC - set of nine 500 fr dinosaur stamps "issued" June 1999. Not listed in Scott's 2006 catalogue.

MALI - prehistoric animals. Nine values (100, 150,200,250, 300,350, 400,450,500 F). No issue date given. Lovell 2001 article.

NIGER - prehistoric animals. Nine values (10. 20, 30, 40, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500 F). No issue date given. Lovell 2001 article.

RWANDA - hot air balloons (including a dragon, a dinosaur, an elephant, a house and faces). Sheetlet of nine with values in vertical columns of 100, 200 and 300 F. No issue date given. Lovell 2001 article.

SHARJAH - prehistoric reptiles (vertical). No issue date given. Lovell 2001 article.

SOMALIA - October 6, 1993: Five stamps depicting prehistoric reptiles (100,500, 1000, 2000, 200 sh). 1997: Four stamps depicting prehistoric plants and animals (200, 300, 500, 3000 sh), six se-tenant triangular stamps featuring dinosaurs (100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 700 sh), and one 1000 sh dinosaur souvenir sheet. Not listed in Scott's 2006 catalogue.

ZAIRE - mini-sheet of four 20,000 nz stamps and a 105,000 nz souvenir sheet depicting dinosaurs. Also with Hong Kong '97 overprint. Nominal issue date 1996 but not listed in Scott's 2006 catalogue.

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